# **Introduced by Senator Polanco**

February 25, 2000

An act to amend Section 260 of, to amend and renumber Section 390 of, and to add Sections 288 and 289 to, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles. An act to amend Sections 10752, 10753, 10753.1, 10753.2, and 10753.9 of, and to add Section 10851.5 to, the Revenue and Taxation Code, and to amend Sections 260, 550, 630, 4000, 4004, 4150.1, 4458, 5000, 5014, 5015, 5016, 5017, 5101, 5103, 5106, 5108, 5204, 5301, 5302, 5305, 5902, 8000, 8054, 9250.7, 9250.8, 9250.10, 9250.13, 9250.14, 9250.19, 9260, 9261, 9400, 9406, 36010, and 36109 of, and to add Sections 288, 289, 468, 4000.6, 5014.1, 9250.20, 9400.1, 9406.1, 9554.2, 27910, and 42030.1 to, and to amend and renumber Section 390 of, the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

#### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 2084, as amended, Polanco. Vehicles: definitions fees.

Existing law defines commercial vehicle and manufacture's gross vehicle weight rating.

This bill would specify that the definition of commercial vehicle includes trailers and semitrailers. This bill would replace the term "manufacture's gross vehicle weight rating" with the term "gross vehicle weight rating" and define that term. This bill would also define the terms "declared combined gross vehicle weight" and "declared gross vehicle weight."

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(1) The Vehicle License Fee Law provides that the annual amount of the license fee for any vehicle is 2% of the market value of the vehicle, as specified.

This bill would enact the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000 (the act). The bill would remove commercial trailers and semitrailers from the Vehicle License Fee Law, and would, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer plate identification program, as described in (3), provide that moneys equal to the sum of vehicle license fees previously collected from commercial trailers or semitrailers under the unladen weight registration system are incorporated into the declared gross vehicle weight fee schedule. The bill would provide that fees collected under the permanent trailer plate identification program as gross weight fees are declared to be the successor to the former vehicle license fee provisions applicable to commercial vehicles and subject to specified provisions of the California Constitution.

(2) Existing law prohibits a person from driving, moving, or leaving standing upon a highway, or in an offstreet public parking facility, any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly, logging dolly, or auxiliary dolly unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid under the Vehicle Code.

This bill would require any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination, that operates with a declared gross vehicle weight, as defined, that exceeds 10,000 pounds to register with the department and to pay a fee based on the vehicle's gross vehicle weight. The bill would also require the commercial motor vehicle's registered owner or the owner's designee to complete a form provided by the department and to be issued a license plate.

(3) Existing law provides for the issuance of identification plates for certain vehicles, including tow dollies.

The bill would delete tow dollies from that identification plates program and other provisions.

The bill would require, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, which shall commence on January 1, 2001, that specified trailers, including tow dollies, be assigned permanent trailer identification plates and be issued an identification certificate

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which shall be available for inspection by a peace officer. The bill would require an unspecified service fee to be assessed and would require an applicant for renewal of a permanent trailer identification plate to be charged a \$25 annual fee. The bill would make corresponding changes.

(4) Under existing law, the registered owner or lessee of a fleet of vehicles consisting of motor vehicles or commercial trailers, as specified, or passenger automobiles is authorized to apply to the department for permanent license plates or decals and registration cards.

This bill would delete commercial trailers from that program, would limit the program to motor vehicles, would allow participation in the program to continue in the program for 5 years after implementation of the act even though those participants are out of compliance with the act, and would make related changes.

(5) Existing law allows the Reciprocity Commission to enter into agreements that provide exemption of regulatory fees that are, or may be imposed, by the Public Utilities Commission.

This bill would include regulatory fees that are, or may be imposed, by the department within the above provision.

(6) Existing law requires an application for a transfer of registration of commercial motor vehicles, as specified, to include a specified declaration by the owner to the department.

This bill would require, additionally, that an application for a transfer of a commercial motor vehicle that exceeds 10,000 pounds declared gross vehicle weight, include a notification, made by the new registered owner, or that owner's designee, of the declared gross vehicle weight of the commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination.

(7) Existing law requires the department, upon the application for transfer of ownership of a fleet of vehicles apportionately registered to permit registration in the new owners name without reassessing the registration, weight, and vehicle license fees, if the application of the new ownership is for the same fleet interstate operation as the previous owner.

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This bill would require the new owner, or the owner's designee, to certify the declared gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or vehicles on a single form for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the fleet owner's name and would impose related duties on the department.

(8) Existing law authorizes local governments to impose additional registration or renewal registration fees on vehicles, as specified.

This bill would exempt commercial trailers and semitrailers from these provisions and would impose those additional fees on the owners of all commercial motor vehicles, as specified.

(9) Under existing law, the fee for a foreign trip permit issued for a commercial trailer meeting the registration requirements of a foreign jurisdiction is \$5.

This bill would delete that fee.

(10) Existing law requires, in addition to any other registration fee, the payment of fees for the registration of any commercial vehicle based on its unladen weight.

This bill would set forth an additional schedule. The existing schedule, as revised, would apply to any commercial vehicle singly, or in combination, that operates with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,000 pounds or less, including pickup trucks. The new schedule of fees would apply to the registration of commercial motor vehicles, operated either singly or in combination, with a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more. The bill would revise the definition of "farm trailers" to conform to the weight changes made by the bill.

The bill provides a schedule of fines for persons who violate any declared gross vehicle weight limitations provided for in the bill.

The bill would require that, upon the operation of a commercial motor vehicle at a greater gross vehicle weight than that had been reported to and registered by the department, a new registration application be made to the department.

(11) The bill would require the Department of the California Highway Patrol, after consultation with representatives from the Department of Transportation, the Board of Equalization, the Department of Motor Vehicles,

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and the commercial vehicle industry, to provide, on or before an unspecified date, recommendations to the Legislature for actions to be taken to ensure compliance with the provisions of the bill.

- (12) The bill would require theDepartment Transportation, in consultation with the Department of the California Highway Patrol. the **Department** of Motor Vehicles, the Board of Equalization, and the commercial vehicle industry, to review and report on or before January 1, 2002, and annually thereafter, to the Legislature its findings and, if applicable, make any recommendation as to the necessary adjustments in the fee schedule, to ensure that revenue neutrality is obtained and maintained for all affected entities and funds.
- (13) Because violations of certain of the above fee, weight, and declaration requirements would be a crime under existing law, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program by creating new crimes.
- (14) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

### 1 SECTION 1. Section 260 of the Vehicle Code is

- 2 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature finds and declares
- 3 that it is necessary to convert California's system of
- 4 commercial vehicle registration from an unladen weight
- 5 system to a gross vehicle weight system and to initiate a
- 6 permanent trailer identification program. Furthermore,
- 7 it is the intent of the Legislature that this conversion be
- 8 revenue neutral to all cities and counties and all other
- 9 unladen weight fee system recipients.
- 10 (b) For the purposes of this act, "revenue neutrality" 11 requires that all recipients of the fees collected under the

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system in effect on December 31, 1999, shall receive the same level of funding after the conversion to the system created by this act.

- (c) This act shall be known, and may be cited as, the 5 Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000.
- SEC. 2. Section 10752 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:
- 10752. The annual amount of the license fee for any vehicle, other than a commercial trailer or semitrailer or 10 a trailer coach which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle 12 Code, shall be a sum equal to 2 percent of the market 13 value of the vehicle as determined by the department.
- SEC. 3. Section 10753 of the Revenue and Taxation 15 Code, as amended by Section 15 of Chapter 724 of the 16 Statutes of 1999, is amended to read:
- 10753. (a) Upon the first sale of a new vehicle, other 18 than a commercial trailer or semitrailer, to a consumer and upon each sale of a used vehicle, other than a 20 commercial trailer or semitrailer, to a consumer, the 21 department shall determine the market value of the 22 vehicle on the basis of the cost price to the purchaser as 23 evidenced by a certificate of cost, but not including 24 California sales or use tax or any local sales, transactions, 25 use, or other local tax. "Cost price" includes the value of any modifications made by the seller.
- (b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), the department 28 shall not redetermine the market value of used vehicles, or modify the vehicle license fee classification of used 30 vehicles determined pursuant to Section 10753.1 or 10753.2, when the seller is the parent, grandparent, child, 32 grandchild, or spouse of the purchaser, and the seller is not engaged in the business of selling vehicles subject to 34 registration under the Vehicle Code, or when a lessor, as defined in Section 372 of the Vehicle Code, transfers title 36 and registration of a vehicle to the lessee at the expiration or termination of a lease.
- 38 (c) (1) In the event any vehicle, other than a commercial trailer or semitrailer, is modified or additions are made to the chassis or body at a cost of two hundred

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dollars (\$200) or more, but not including any change of engine of the same type or any cost of repairs to a vehicle, the owner of the vehicle shall report any modification or addition to the department and the department shall classify or reclassify the vehicle in its proper class as provided in Section 10753.1 or 10753.2, taking into consideration the increase in the market value of the vehicle due to those modifications or additions, and any reclassification resulting in increase in market value shall 10 be based on the cost to the consumer of those modifications or additions. In the event any vehicle is modified or altered resulting in a decrease in the market 12 value thereof of two hundred dollars (\$200) or more as 14 reported to and determined by the department, the department shall classify or reclassify the vehicle in its 15 16 proper class as provided in Section 10753.1 or 10753.2. 17

(2) Paragraph (1) does not apply to any of the following:

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- (A) When the cost of any modification or addition to the chassis or body of a vehicle, other than a commercial trailer or semitrailer, is less than two hundred dollars (\$200).
- (B) When the cost is for modifications or additions 24 necessary to incorporate a system approved by the State Air Resources Board as meeting the emission standards set forth in subdivisions (a) and (b) of former Section 39102 and former Section 39102.5 of the Health and Safety Code as they read on December 31, 1975.
- (C) When the cost is for modifications that are necessary to enable a disabled person to use or operate 30 the vehicle.
- (d) This section also applies to a system as specified in subdivision (c) that is approved by the State Air 34 Resources Board as meeting the emission standards specified in subdivisions (a) and (b) of former Section 36 39102 and former Section 39102.5 of the Health and Safety 37 Code as they read on December 31, 1975, for vehicles 38 6,001 pounds or less, manufacturer's gross vehicle weight, controlled to meet exhaust emission standards when sold new, when that system is used in any vehicle over 6,001

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pounds or any vehicle 6,001 pounds or less not controlled to meet exhaust emission standards.

- (e) The temporary attachment of any camper, defined in Section 243 of the Vehicle Code, to a vehicle is not a modification or addition for the purposes of 5 subdivision (c).
- (f) The attachment to a vehicle of radiotelephone equipment furnished by a telephone corporation, defined in Section 234 of the Public Utilities Code, is not 10 a modification or addition for the purpose of subdivision (c), when that equipment is not owned by the owner of the vehicle.
- (g) This section shall become operative on January 1, 13 14 <del>2001.</del>
- SEC. 4. Section 10753.1 of the Revenue and Taxation 16 Code is amended to read:
  - 10753.1. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.
- (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is 22 established consisting of the following classes: a class from zero dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) 25 to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and, thereafter, a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of that number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.
- (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a 31 commercial trailer or semitrailer, for each registration 32 year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a 33 consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was 34 first purchased or assembled by the person applying for original registration in this state, or the year the vehicle 36 was sold to the current registered owner as a used vehicle, shall be as follows: for the first year, 85 percent of a sum equal to the middle point between the extremes of its class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 85 percent of that sum; for the third year, 70 percent of

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that sum; for the fourth year, 55 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 40 percent of that sum; for the sixth year, 30 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 25 percent 4 of that sum; for the eighth year, 15 percent of that sum; for the ninth year, 10 percent of that sum; and for the 10th year and each succeeding year, 5 percent of that sum; provided, however, that the minimum tax shall be the sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding this subdivision, the market value of a trailer coach first sold on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle 12 Code, shall be determined by the schedule in Section 13 10753.3.

(d) This section shall become operative on the first day 15 of the month following the month in which Motor Vehicles is notified by 16 Department of Department of Finance of a final judicial determination 18 by the California Supreme Court or any California court of appeal of either of the following:

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- (1) The allocation of funds from the Vehicle License 21 Fee Account or the Vehicle License Fee Growth Account of the Local Revenue Fund established during the 1991-92 Regular Session is in violation of Section 15 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
  - (2) The state is obligated to reimburse counties for costs of providing medical services to medically indigent adults pursuant to Chapters 328 and 1594 of the Statutes of 1982.
- 29 SEC. 5. Section 10753.2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read: 30
  - 10753.2. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle, other than a commercial trailer or semitrailer, in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.
  - (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is established consisting of the following classes: a class from no dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and

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ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and thereafter a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of such number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.

- 5 (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a 6 commercial trailer or semitrailer, for each registration year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was first purchased or assembled by the person applying for 10 original registration in this state, or the year the vehicle was sold to the current registered owner as a used vehicle, shall be as follows: for the first year, 100 percent of a sum 12 13 equal to the middle point between the extremes of its class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 90 percent of that sum; for the third year, 80 percent of 16 that sum; for the fourth year, 70 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 60 percent of that sum; for the sixth year, 17 18 50 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 40 percent 19 of that sum; for the eighth year, 30 percent of that sum; 20 for the ninth year, 25 percent of that sum; and for the 10th year, 20 percent of that sum; and for the 11th year and 22 each succeeding year, 15 percent of that sum; provided, 23 however, that the minimum tax shall be the sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding this subdivision, the market value of a trailer coach first sold on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle Code, shall be determined by the schedule in Section 10753.3.
- (d) This section shall cease to be operative on the first 30 day of the month following the month in which the Department of Motor Vehicles is notified Department of Finance of a final judicial determination by the California Supreme Court or any California court 34 of appeal of either of the following:
- 35 (1) The allocation of funds from the Vehicle License 36 Fee Account or the Vehicle License Fee Growth Account of the Local Revenue Fund established during the 1991–92 Regular Session is in violation of Section 15 of Article XI of the California Constitution.

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(2) The state is obligated to reimburse counties for costs of providing medical services to medically indigent adults pursuant to Chapters 328 and 1594 of the Statutes of 1982.

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SEC. 6. Section 10753.9 of the Revenue and Taxation Code is amended to read:

10753.9. (a) After determining the cost price to the purchaser, as provided in this article, the department shall classify or reclassify every vehicle, other than a 10 commercial trailer or semitrailer, in its proper class according to the classification plan set forth in this section.

- (b) For the purpose of this part, a classification plan is 13 established consisting of the following classes: a class from no dollars (\$0) to and including forty-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$49.99); a class from fifty dollars (\$50) to and including one hundred ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents (\$199.99); and thereafter a series of classes successively set up in brackets having a spread of two hundred dollars (\$200), consisting of that number of classes as will permit classification of all vehicles.
- (c) The market value of a vehicle, other than a 22 commercial trailer or semitrailer, for each registration year, starting with the year the vehicle was first sold to a 24 consumer as a new vehicle, or the year the vehicle was first purchased or assembled by the person applying for original registration in this state, or the year ownership of a used vehicle was sold or transferred to the current registered owner, shall be as follows: for the first year, 85 percent of a sum equal to the middle point between the 30 extremes of its class as established in subdivision (b); for the second year, 85 percent of that sum; for the third year, 70 percent of that sum; for the fourth year, 55 percent of that sum; for the fifth year, 40 percent of that sum; for the 34 sixth year, 30 percent of that sum; for the seventh year, 25 percent of that sum; for the eighth year, 15 percent of that 36 sum; for the ninth year, 10 percent of that sum; for the 10th year and each succeeding year, 5 percent of that sum; provided, however, that the minimum tax shall be sum of one dollar (\$1). Notwithstanding subdivision, the market value of a trailer coach first sold

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on and after January 1, 1966, which is required to be moved under permit as authorized in Section 35790 of the Vehicle Code, shall be determined by the schedule in Section 10753.3.

- (d) This section shall become operative and shall apply to both of the following:
- (1) Initial or original registration of any vehicle never before registered in this state for which fees become due on July 15, 1991, and on or before July 31, 1991.
- (2) Renewal of registration of any vehicle whose 10 11 registration expires on or before July 31, 1991.
- 12 SEC. 7. Section 10851.5 is added to the Revenue and 13 Taxation Code, to read:
- 10851.5. (a) With theimplementation of the 15 permanent trailer plate identification program, moneys, 16 equal to the sum of the vehicle license fees that were collected from commercial trailers or semitrailers under 18 the unladen weight registration system, prior to January 1, 2000, shall be incorporated into the declared gross 20 vehicle weight fee schedule as set forth in Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code.
- (b) Those moneys described in subdivision (a) shall be 23 accounted for and distributed in the same manner as the 24 moneys collected for commercial trailer and semitrailer 25 vehicle license fees. These fees, which will now be 26 collected as part of the gross vehicle weight fees as 27 established in Section 9400.1 of the Vehicle Code, are 28 declared to be the successor to the former vehicle license 29 fee provisions applicable to commercial vehicles and 30 subject to Section 15 of Article XI of the California Constitution.
- SEC. 8. Section 260 of the Vehicle Code is amended 32 33 to read:
- 34 260. (a) A "commercial vehicle" is a 35 including, but not limited to, commercial trailers and 36 semitrailers, of a type required to be registered under this code used or maintained for the transportation of persons 38 for hire, compensation, or profit or designed, used, or
- maintained primarily for the transportation of property.

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(b) Passenger vehicles which are not used for the 1 2 transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit are not commercial 3 housecars vehicles. This subdivision shall not apply to Chapter 4 (commencing 5 with Section 6700) of Division 3.

- (c) Any vanpool vehicle is not a commercial vehicle.
- 7 (d) The definition of a commercial vehicle in this section does not apply to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 15200) of Division 6.
- SEC. 9. Section 288 is added to the Vehicle Code, to 10 11 read:
- 12 288. "Declared combined gross" equals the total 13 unladen weight of the combination of vehicles plus the 14 heaviest load that may be transported by combination of vehicles. 15
- SEC. 10. Section 289 is added to the Vehicle Code, to 16 17 read:
- "Declared gross vehicle weight" means weight 18 that equals the total unladen weight of the vehicle plus 19 the heaviest load that may be transported on the vehicle.
  - SEC. 11. Section 390 of the Vehicle Code is amended and renumbered to read:

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- 350. (a) "Gross vehicle weight rating" (GVWR) 25 means the weight in pounds of the chassis of a truck or truck tractor with lubricants, radiator full of water, full 27 fuel tank or tanks plus the weights of the cab or driver's compartment, body, special chassis and body equipment and pay load as authorized by the chassis manufacturer specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a single vehicle.
- In the event a vehicle is equipped with an identification plate or marker bearing the manufacturer's name and manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating, the rating stated thereon shall be prima facie evidence of the 36 manufacturer's gross vehicle weight rating.
- (b) Gross combination weight rating (GCWR) means 38 the weight specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a combination or articulated vehicle. In the absence of a weight specified by the manufacturer,

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1 GCWR shall be determined by adding the GVWR of the 2 power unit and the total unladen weight of the towed units and any load thereon.

SEC. 12. Section 468 is added to the Vehicle Code, to 5 read:

trailer 6 468. The"permanent identification plate program," is a program that the director shall commence on January 1, 2001, and may designate the method, consistent with this code, to be used by trailers, as defined 10 in Section 5014.1, to receive an assigned permanent 11 trailer identification plate for all trailers, except for trailer 12 coaches and park trailers as described in subdivision (b) 13 of Section 18010 of the Health and Safety Code, for 14 identification purposes. An auxiliary dolly may be 15 assigned a permanent trailer identification plate. The 16 plate shall be in a size and design as determined by the department. The permanent trailer identification plate 17 shall not expire.

SEC. 13. Section 550 of the Vehicle Code is amended 20 to read:

550. A "semitrailer" is a vehicle, which may include, 22 but is not limited to, a commercial vehicle, designed for 23 carrying persons or property, used in conjunction with a motor vehicle, and so constructed that some part of its weight and that of its load rests upon, or is carried by, another vehicle.

SEC. 14. Section 630 of the Vehicle Code is amended 28 to read:

630. A "trailer" is a vehicle, which may include, but 30 is not limited to, a commercial vehicle, designed for carrying persons or property on its own structure and for being drawn by a motor vehicle and so constructed that no part of its weight rests upon any other vehicle. As used Division 15 (commencing with Section 35000), 34 in "trailer" includes a semitrailer when used in conjunction 36 with an auxiliary dolly, if the auxiliary dolly is of a type constructed to replace the function of the drawbar and the front axle or axles of a trailer.

SEC. 15. Section 4000 of the Vehicle Code is amended 39 40 to read:

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1 4000. (a) (1) No person shall drive, move, or leave standing upon a highway, or in an offstreet public parking facility, any motor vehicle, trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly, or logging dolly, or auxiliary dolly unless it is registered and the appropriate fees have been paid under this code, except that an off-highway motor vehicle which displays an identification plate or device issued by the department pursuant to Section 38010 may be driven, moved, or left standing in an offstreet public parking 10 facility without being registered or paying registration 11 fees.

- (2) For purposes of this subdivision, "offstreet public parking facility" means either of the following:
  - (A) Any publicly owned parking facility.

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- (B) Any privately owned parking facility for which no 16 fee for the privilege to park is charged and which is held open for the common public use of retail customers.
- (3) This subdivision does not apply to any motor 19 vehicle stored in a privately owned offstreet parking 20 facility by, or with the express permission of, the owner of the privately owned offstreet parking facility.
- (b) No person shall drive, move, or leave standing 23 upon a highway any motor vehicle, as defined in Chapter 2 (commencing with Section 39010) of Part 1 of Division 25 26 of the Health and Safety Code, which has been 26 registered in violation of Part 5 (commencing Section 43000) of that Division 26.
- (c) Subdivisions and (b) do (a) not apply 29 off-highway motor vehicles operated pursuant to Sections 30 38025 and 38026.5.
- (d) This section does not apply, following payment of 32 fees due for registration, during the time that registration and transfer is being withheld by the department pending the investigation of any use tax due under the 35 Revenue and Taxation Code.
- 36 (e) Subdivision (a) does not apply to a vehicle that is 37 towed by a tow truck on the order of a sheriff, marshal, or other official acting pursuant to a court order or on the order of a peace officer acting pursuant to this code.

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- (f) Subdivision (a) applies to a vehicle that is towed from a highway or off-street parking facility under the direction of a highway service organization when that organization is providing emergency roadside assistance 5 to that vehicle. However, the operator of a tow truck 6 providing that assistance to that vehicle is not responsible for the violation of subdivision (a) with respect to that vehicle. The owner of an unregistered vehicle that is disabled and located on private property, shall obtain a 10 permit from the department pursuant to Section 4003 prior to having the vehicle towed on the highway. 12
- (g) For purposes of this section, possession of a 13 California driver's license by the registered owner of a 14 vehicle shall give rise to a rebuttable presumption that 15 the owner is a resident of California.
- SEC. 16. Section 4000.6 is added to the Vehicle Code, 17 to read:
- 4000.6. Any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in 19 combination, that operates with a declared gross vehicle 20 weight that exceeds 10,000 pounds shall be required to register pursuant to Section 9400.1.
- (a) A commercial motor vehicle operated in 23 combination semitrailer, with a trailer, anv or 24 combination thereof, shall declare the gross vehicle 25 weight of all units of the combination when applying for 26 registration with the department.
- (b) This section does not apply to pickups nor to any 28 commercial motor vehicle or combination, that does not exceed 10,000 pounds gross vehicle weight.
- (c) Any peace officer, as defined in Chapter 4.5 30 31 (commencing with Section 830) of Title 3 of Part 2 of the 32 Penal Code, having reason to believe that a motor 33 vehicle, singly or in combination, is being operated in 34 excess of its registered declared gross vehicle weight, may 35 require the driver to stop and submit to an inspection or 36 weighing of the vehicle or vehicles and an inspection of registration documents. 37
- SEC. 17. Section 4004 of the Vehicle Code is amended 38 39 to read:

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1 4004. (a) (1) Commercial motor vehicles meeting the registration requirements of a foreign jurisdiction, and subject to registration but not entitled to exemption from registration or licensing under any of the provisions of this code or any agreements, arrangements, or declarations made under Article 3 (commencing with Section 8000) of Chapter 4, may, as an alternate to such registration, secure a temporary registration to operate in this state for a period of not to exceed 90 days, or a trip 10 permit to operate in this state for a period of four consecutive days.

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- (2) Each trip permit shall authorize the operation of 14 a single commercial motor vehicle for a period of not 15 more than four consecutive days, commencing with the 16 day of first use and three consecutive days thereafter. 17 Every permit shall identify, as the department may 18 require, the *commercial motor* vehicle for which it is 19 issued. Each trip permit shall be completed prior to 20 operation of the *commercial motor* vehicle on any 21 highway in this state and shall be carried on in the 22 commercial motor vehicle to which it applies in an 23 appropriate receptacle inaccessible from the inside of the 24 eab and shall be readily available for inspection by a peace 25 officer. Each permit shall be valid at the time of 26 inspection by a peace officer only if it has been completed as required by the department and has been placed in the appropriate receptacle as required by this section. It is unlawful for any person to fail to comply with the provisions of this section.
- 31 (b) The privilege of securing and using a trip permit 32 or a temporary registration for not to exceed 90 days shall 33 not extend to *the following*:
- (1) Any vehicle which is based within this state and 35 which is operated by a person having an established place 36 of business within this state. For purposes of this paragraph, a commercial *motor* vehicle shall 38 considered to be based in this state if it is primarily operated or dispatched from or principally garaged or

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serviced or maintained at a site with an address within this state.

- (2) Vehicles registered in any jurisdiction with which the State of California does not have vehicle licensing reciprocity, unless the Reciprocity Commission extends such privilege, by rule, after hearing.
- registration (c) The temporary or trip permit authorized pursuant to this section shall include the diesel fuel permit number issued by the State Board of 10 Equalization. Any temporary registration or trip permit for a diesel power unit which does not include this 12 information shall be invalid and shall subject the operator 13 to citation for violation of subdivision (a) of Section 4000. 14 All fees for registration of commercial motor vehicles shall be due upon the issuance of such a citation, unless 16 the person in whose name the permit was issued can produce proof of issuance of a California fuel tax permit 17 prior to the date of the violation. 19
- SEC. 18. Section 4150.1 of the Vehicle Code is 20 amended to read:
- 4150.1. (a) (1) In addition to the requirements of 22 Section 4150, application for the original registration of a 23 commercial motor vehicle specified in Section 34500 shall 24 include a declaration, made by the owner to the 25 department upon the appropriate form furnished by it, 26 that the owner is aware of the applicable motor carrier safety regulations adopted by the Department of the California Highway Patrol pursuant to Section 34501.

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- (2) A fleet owner may make this declaration on a single form for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the fleet owner's name.
- (b) (1) On a form provided by the department, the 34 registered owner of record or the owner's designee shall certify and report the declared gross vehicle weight of 36 any commercial motor vehicle, singly or in combination, in excess of 10,000 pounds declared gross vehicle weight.
- 38 (2) A single form may be used or referenced for multiple vehicles of like declared gross vehicle weight.

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SEC. 19. Section 4458 of the Vehicle Code is amended 1 2 to read:

3 4458. If both license plates have been or a permanent trailer identification plate, or both, are lost by or stolen 5 from the registered owner, he the registered owner shall 6 immediately notify the police department or sheriff's office of the city or county in which he resides and he a law enforcement agency, and shall immediately apply to the department for new plates in lieu of the plates stolen 10 or lost—and the. The department shall in every proper case, except in the case of plates which are exempt from 12 fees, issue a pair of cause to be issued applicable license plates of a different number and assign the registration number to the vehicle for which the plates are issued.

SEC. 20. Section 5000 of the Vehicle Code is amended 16 to read:

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- 5000. (a) License plates issued for trailers, 18 semitrailers, motor-driven cycles, and pole and pipe dollies, and such vehicles as are exempt from the payment 20 of registration fees under this code shall display suitable 21 distinguishing marks or symbols, and the registration 22 numbers assigned to each class of vehicles shall run in a separate numerical series, except that registration numbers assigned to vehicles exempt from the payment of registration fees may run in several separate numerical series.
- (b) Vehicles subject to the provisions of Section 28 Sections 9400 and 9400.1 shall be issued license plates with suitable distinguishing marks or symbols distinguishing 30 them from other license plates issued.
- (c) Vehicles subject to Section 5014.1 shall be issued 32 permanent identification plates with suitable distinguishing marks or symbols that distinguish them 34 from other license plates.
- 35 SEC. 21. Section 5014 of the Vehicle Code is amended 36 to read:
- 37 5014. An application by a person other than a manufacturer or dealer for an identification plate for 38 39 special construction equipment, cemetery equipment, special mobile equipment, tow dolly, logging vehicle,

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cotton trailer, or farm trailer as specified in Section 36109, a vehicle that is farmer-owned and used as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 36101, a motor vehicle which 4 is farmer-owned and operated and used as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 36101, an automatic bale wagon operated as specified in subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 36102, or a farm trailer that is owned, rented, or leased by a farmer and is operated and used as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 36010, shall include 10 following:

- (a) The true, full name and the driver's license or 12 identification card number, if any, of the owner.
- (b) A statement by the owner of the use or uses which 14 he or she intends to make of the equipment.
- description of the vehicle, including (c) A 16 distinctive marks or features.
- (d) A photograph of the vehicle. Only one photograph 18 of one piece of equipment shall be required to be attached to the application when identification plates are 20 to be obtained for more than one piece of equipment, each of which is of the same identical type.
- (e) Other information as may reasonably be required 23 by the department to determine whether the applicant 24 is entitled to be issued an identification plate.
- (f) A service fee of seven dollars (\$7) for each vehicle. 26 The plates shall be renewed between January 1 and 27 February 4 every five calendar years, commencing in 1986. Any part of the year of the first application constitutes a calendar year. An application for renewal of an identification plate shall contain a space for the applicant's driver's license or identification card number, and the applicant shall furnish that number, if any, in the space provided.
- 34 SEC. 22. Section 5014.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, 35 to read:
- 36 5014.1. (a) Upon the implementation the 37 permanent trailer identification plate program, the 38 following applies:

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(1) The following trailers shall be assigned a trailer identification plate by the department in accordance with this section:

- (A) Logging dolly.
- 5 (B) Pole or pipe dolly.
  - (C) Semitrailer.
- 7 (D) Trailer.

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- (E) Trailer bus. 8
- (2) An auxiliary dolly may be assigned a permanent 10 trailer identification plate.
- (3) Trailer coaches and park trailers, as described in 12 subdivision (b) of Section 18010 of the Health and Safety 13 *Code*, are exempted from the permanent 14 identification plate program.
- (b) The permanent trailer identification plate shall be 16 in a size and design as determined by the department.
- (c) The permanent trailer identification plate shall 18 not expire.
- (d) Upon sale or transfer of the commercial trailer or 20 semitrailer, the assigned permanent trailer identification 21 plate remains with the commercial trailer or semitrailer 22 for the life of the vehicle. Upon transfer of ownership, a 23 new ownership certificate and a new identification 24 certificate shall be issued.
- (e) A service fee, sufficient to pay at least the entire 26 actual costs to the department, not to exceed \_ dollars (\$\_\_\_\_\_\_) shall be assessed by the department upon assigning a permanent trailer identification plate.
- (f) Fees for duplicate substitute permanent trailer 30 identification plates or certificates shall be charged.
- (g) An outstanding commercial trailer and semitrailer 32 license plates and registration indicia that are under this code on December 31, 2000, shall be considered valid.
- 34 (h) All original trailers that register in this state will be 35 issued a permanent trailer identification plate and 36 identification certificate.
- SEC. 23. Section 5015 of the Vehicle Code is amended 37 38 to read:
- 39 5015. (a) The application for an identification plate construction equipment, special special

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equipment, cemetery equipment, any tow dolly, and any logging vehicle shall be made before any such that piece of equipment is moved over a highway.

- (b) The application for an identification plate for a 5 cotton trailer or a farm trailer as specified in Section 36109, a vehicle which that is farmer-owned and used as provided in subdivision (b) of Section 36101, a motor vehicle which that is farmer-owned and operated and used as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 36101, or an 10 automatic bale wagon operated as specified in subdivision (a) or (b) of Section 36102 shall be made before any such piece of equipment is moved over a highway.
- (c) The application for а permanent 14 identification plate, as described in Section 5014.1, shall 15 be made prior to the equipment or vehicle described in 16 subdivision (a) being moved, towed, or left standing on any highway or in any offstreet public parking facility.
- SEC. 24. Section 5016 of the Vehicle Code is amended 18 19 to read:
- 5016. Upon proper application and payment of the 21 fees specified in Section 5014.1 or 9261, the department shall issue an identification plate and an identification piece of equipment, vehicle, card for the trailer, semitrailer, or implement of husbandry for which application is made.
- SEC. 25. Section 5017 of the Vehicle Code is amended 26 27 to read:
- 28 5017. (a) Each identification plate issued 29 Section 5016 shall bear a distinctive number to identify 30 the logging equipment, vehicle, or implement husbandry for which it is issued. The owner, upon being 32 issued a plate, shall attach it to the equipment, logging vehicle, or implement of husbandry for which it is issued 34 and shall carry the identification card issued by the 35 department as provided by Section 4454. It shall be 36 unlawful for any person to attach or use the plate upon any other equipment, logging vehicle, or implement of 37 husbandry. If the equipment, logging 38 implement of husbandry is destroyed or the ownership thereof transferred to another person, the person

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whom the plate was issued shall within 10 days notify the department, on a form approved by the department, that equipment, logging vehicle, or implement 4 husbandry has been destroyed or the ownership thereof 5 transferred to another person.

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- (b) Upon *implementation* of the permanent the trailer identification plate program, all trailers requiring license plates, except those exempted in paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of Section 5014.1 shall be assigned a single plate for identification purposes. 10 permanent 11 issuance of the plate, it shall be attached to the vehicle 12 pursuant to Sections 5200 and 5201.
- (c) An identification certificate shall be issued for each 14 trailer or semitrailer assigned an identification plate. The 15 identification certificate shall contain upon its face, the 16 date issued, the name and residence or business address 17 of the owner and of the legal owner, if any, the 18 registration number assigned to the trailer or semitrailer, 19 and a description of the trailer or semitrailer as complete 20 as that required in the application for registration of the 21 trailer or semitrailer. When an identification certificate 22 has been issued to a trailer or semitrailer, the owner or 23 operator shall make that certificate available 24 inspection by a peace officer.
- SEC. 26. Section 5101 of the Vehicle Code is amended 26 to read:
- 5101. Any person who is the registered owner or 28 lessee of a passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle, trailer, or commercial trailer or semitrailer registered with the 30 department, or who makes application for an original 31 registration or renewal registration of any such that 32 vehicle, may, upon payment of the fee prescribed in Section 5106, apply to the department for environmental 34 license plates, in the manner prescribed in Section 5105, 35 which plates shall be affixed to the passenger vehicle, 36 commercial vehicle, trailer, or commercial trailer or semitrailer for which registration is sought in lieu of the 37 regular license plates.
- SEC. 27. Section 5103 of the Vehicle Code is amended 39 40 to read:

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"Environmental license plates," as used in this 5103. means license plates or permanent identification plates that have displayed upon them the registration number assigned to the passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle, or trailer, or commercial trailer or 6 semitrailer for which such registration number was issued in a combination of letters or numbers, or both, requested by the owner or lessee of the vehicle.

- 9 SEC. 28. Section 5106 of the Vehicle Code is amended 10 to read:
- 5106. (a) Except as provided in Section 5101.7, in addition to the regular registration fee or a permanent 13 trailer identification fee, the applicant shall be charged a 14 fee of forty dollars (\$40).
- (b) In addition to the regular renewal fee or a 16 permanent trailer identification fee for the vehicle to which the plates are assigned, the applicant for a renewal 18 of the plates shall be charged an additional fee of 19 twenty-five dollars (\$25). An applicant with a permanent 20 trailer identification plate shall be charged an annual fee 21 of twenty-five dollars (\$25). However, applicants for 22 renewal of prisoner-of-war special license plates issued 23 under Section 5101.5 shall not be charged the additional 24 renewal fee under this subdivision.
- (c) When payment of renewal fees is not required as 26 specified in Section 4000, the holder of any environmental license plate may retain the plate upon payment of an 28 annual fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25). The fee shall be due at the expiration of the registration year of the 30 vehicle to which the environmental license plate was last assigned. However, applicants for retention prisoner-of-war plates special license issued under Section 5101.5 shall not be charged the additional 34 retention fee under this subdivision.
- (d) Notwithstanding Section 9265, the applicant for a 35 36 duplicate environmental license plate or a duplicate, commemorative 1984 37 replacement Olympic 38 reflectorized license plate shall be charged a fee of thirty dollars (\$30).

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SEC. 29. Section 5108 of the Vehicle Code is amended 2 to read:

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5108. Whenever any person who has been issued environmental license plates applies to the department for transfer of the plates to another passenger vehicle, commercial vehicle, or trailer, commercial trailer or semitrailer a transfer fee of twenty dollars (\$20) shall be charged in addition to all other appropriate fees.

9 SEC. 30. Section 5204 of the Vehicle Code is amended 10 to read:

5204. (a) Except as provided by subdivisions (b) and 12 (c), a tab shall indicate the year of expiration and a tab shall indicate the month of expiration. Current month 14 and year tabs shall be attached to the rear license plate assigned to the vehicle for the last preceding registration 16 year in which license plates were issued, and, when so attached, the license plate with the tabs shall, for the 18 purposes of this code, be deemed to be the license plate, truck tractors, 19 except that and commercial 20 vehicles having an unladen weight of 10,000 a declared gross vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more, shall 22 display the current month and year tabs upon the front 23 license plate assigned to the truck tractor or commercial motor vehicle. Vehicles that fail to display current month and year tabs or display expired tabs are in violation of this section.

- (b) The requirement of subdivision (a) that the tabs indicate the year and the month of expiration does not apply to fleet vehicles subject to Article 9.5 (commencing 30 with Section 5300).
- (c) Subdivision (a) does not apply when proper 32 application for registration has been made pursuant to Section 4602 and the new indicia of current registration 34 have not been received from the department.
- 35 (d) This section is enforceable against any motor 36 vehicle that is driven, moved, or left standing upon a highway, or in an offstreet public parking facility, in the same manner as provided in subdivision (a) of Section 39 4000.

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SEC. 31. Section 5301 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

- 5301. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code and Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, the registered owner or lessee of a fleet of vehicles consisting of commercial motor vehicles or commercial trailers, apportionately registered commercial trailers base plated in the state under Article 4 (commencing with Section 10 8050) of Chapter 4, or passenger automobiles may, upon payment of appropriate fees, apply to the department for permanent license plates or decals and registration cards.
- (b) Fleets shall consist of at least 100 motor vehicles to 14 qualify for this program. However, the department may provide for permanent fleet registration through an 16 association providing a combination of fleets of motor vehicles of 500 or more vehicles with no individual fleet 18 of fewer than 50 *motor* vehicles. An association submitting an application of participation in the program shall provide within the overall application a listing identifying the owner of each fleet and the motor vehicles within each fleet. Identification of the motor vehicles as provided in this article applies to the ownership of the motor vehicles and not the association submitting the application. 25
- (c) With the concurrence of both the department and 27 the participant, the changes made in this section by the enactment of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000 shall not affect those participants who were lawfully permanent fleet 30 participating inthe registration 31 program on December 31, 2000. However, five years 32 following the implementation of the permanent trailer 33 identification program, all participants in the permanent 34 fleet registration program shall meet the requirements of 35 this section in order to continue enrollment in the 36 program described in this section.
- SEC. 32. Section 5302 of the Vehicle Code is amended 37 38 to read:

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5302. (a) Vehicles Motor vehicles registered in any state other than California shall not be permitted to participate in this program.

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- (b) Section 4604 does not apply to vehicles registered under this article.
- (c) The department may conduct an audit of the records of each fleet owner or lessee of the vehicle fleets electing to participate in the program. The department shall be fully reimbursed by the fleet owner or lessee for 10 the costs of conducting the audits.
- (d) Vehicles registered under this article shall display 12 in a conspicuous place on both the right and the left side 13 of each motor vehicle-and on both the right and left side 14 or on the front and rear of each trailer, the name, trademark, or logo of the company. The display of the 16 name, trademark, or logo shall be in letters in sharp contrast to the background and shall be of a size, shape, 18 and color that is readily legible during daylight hours 19 from a distance of 50 feet.
- (e) A motor vehicle under 6,000 pounds unladen 21 weight that is owned or leased by a public utility may be registered under this article by displaying the permanent 23 fleet registration number on both the right and left side 24 or on the front and rear of the motor vehicle. The display shall be in sharp contrast to the background and shall be of a size, shape, and color that is readily legible during daylight hours from a distance of 50 feet.
- 28 SEC. 33. Section 5305 of the Vehicle Code is amended 29 to read:
- 30 5305. In addition to any other fees due for motor vehicles registered pursuant this to article, department may charge and collect a service fee of one dollar (\$1) for each fleet *motor* vehicle at the time the 34 initial application is submitted to the department and at 35 the time of registration renewal of each fleet vehicle, 36 except that the department may charge and collect a service fee of two dollars (\$2) for each proportionately 38 registered commercial trailer upon initial application for, and upon renewal of, registration.

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SEC. 34. Section 5902 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

- 5902. (a) Whenever any person has received as 4 transferee a properly endorsed certificate of ownership, that person shall, within 10 days thereafter, forward the certificate with the proper transfer fee to the department make application thereby for a transfer registration. The certificate of ownership shall contain a space for the applicant's driver's license or identification 10 card number, and the applicant shall furnish 11 number, if any, in the space provided.
- (b) An application for a transfer of registration of a 13 commercial motor vehicle specified in Section 34500 shall 14 include a declaration, made by the owner to the 15 department upon the appropriate form furnished by it, 16 that the owner is aware of the applicable motor carrier 17 safety regulations adopted by the Department of the 18 California Highway Patrol pursuant to Section 34501. A 19 fleet owner may make this declaration on a single form 20 for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the fleet 21 owner's name.
- (c) An application for a transfer of a commercial motor 23 vehicle that exceeds 10,000 pounds declared gross vehicle 24 weight, as specified in Section 34500, shall include the 25 notification, made by the new registered owner, or that 26 owner's designee, of the declared gross vehicle weight of 27 the commercial motor vehicle singly or in combination. 28 An owner, or that owner's designee, may make this 29 certification on a single form provided by the department 30 for all commercial motor vehicles registered in the 31 owner's name.
- SEC. 35. Section 8000 of the Vehicle Code is amended 32 33 to read:
- 34 8000. The Reciprocity Commission may enter into 35 agreements with foreign jurisdictions that provide for the 36 exemption of fees for commercial vehicles if the foreign 37 jurisdictions provide equivalent exemptions to vehicles shall 38 registered in this state. The agreements applicable to vehicles which that are properly licensed foreign jurisdictions. registered in the

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commission may also enter into agreements that provide for the exemption of regulatory fees which are, or may be imposed, by the Public Utilities Code or the department.

SEC. 36. Section 8054 of the Vehicle Code is amended 5 to read:

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- 8054. (1) Upon theapplication for transfer ownership of a fleet of vehicles apportionately registered pursuant to this article, the department shall permit registration in the new owners name without reassessing 10 the registration, weight, and vehicle license fees, if the application of the new ownership is for the same fleet 12 interstate operation as the previous owner.
- (2) The new owner, or the owner's designee, shall 14 certify the declared gross vehicle weight of the vehicle or 15 vehicles on a single form for all commercial motor 16 vehicles registered in the fleet owner's name. The department shall reassess the weight fees if the declared 18 gross vehicle weight is increased. The weight fees may be assessed at a prorated rate.
- 20 SEC. 37. Section 9250.7 of the Vehicle Code is 21 amended to read:
- 9250.7. (a) (1) A service authority established under 23 Section 22710 may impose a service fee of one dollar (\$1) all vehicles, except commercial trailers semitrailers described in subdivision (d) of Section 26 5014.1, registered to an owner with an address in the 27 county that established the service authority. The fee 28 shall be paid to the department at the time of registration, 29 or renewal of registration, or when renewal becomes except 30 delinguent, vehicles on that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment 32 registration fees.
- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and the implementation of the permanent trailer 34 upon 35 identification plate program, and as part of the 36 Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000, all 37 commercial motor vehicles registered to an owner with 38 an address in the county that established a service 39 authority under this section, shall pay an additional 40 service fee of two dollars (\$2).

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after (b) The department, deducting its administrative costs, shall transmit, at least quarterly, the net amount collected pursuant to subdivision (a) to the 4 Treasurer for deposit in the Abandoned Vehicle Trust 5 Fund, which is hereby created. All money in the fund is continuously appropriated to the Controller allocation to a service authority that has an approved abandoned vehicle abatement program pursuant Section 22710, and for payment of the administrative costs 10 of the Controller. After deduction of its administrative costs, the Controller shall allocate the money in the Abandoned Vehicle Trust Fund to each service authority 12 13 in proportion to the revenues received from the fee 14 imposed by that authority pursuant to subdivision (a). If any funds received by a service authority pursuant to this 16 section are not expended to abate abandoned vehicles pursuant to an approved abandoned vehicle abatement 17 18 program within 90 days of the close of the fiscal year in 19 which the funds were received and the amount of those 20 funds exceeds the amount expended by the service authority for the abatement of abandoned vehicles in the previous fiscal year, a fee imposed pursuant to subdivision 23 (a) shall be suspended for one year, commencing the 24 following January 1. 25

(c) The fee imposed by a service authority shall 26 remain in effect only for a period of 10 years from the date that the actual collection of the fee commenced.

38. Section 9250.8 of the Vehicle Code is SEC. amended to read:

9250.8. (a) In addition to any other fees specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle, 34 commercial trailers and semitrailers described subdivision (d) of Section 5014.1, subject to registration 36 under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly exempted under this code from the payment registration fees.

(b) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) fee, upon the 39 implementation of the permanent trailer identification **—31** — SB 2084

1 plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000, all commercial motor vehicles shall pay an additional fee of two dollars (\$2).

SEC. 39. Section 9250.10 of the Vehicle Code is 5 *amended to read:* 

addition 9250.10. (a) (1) In to any other 6 specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation 8 Code, any additional fees imposed by a service authority 9 for freeway emergencies pursuant to Section 2555 of the 10 Streets and Highways Code shall be paid to the department at the time of registration or renewal of 12 registration of every vehicle, except commercial trailers 13 and semitrailers described in subdivision (d) of Section 14 5014.1, subject to registration under this code in the 15 subject counties, except those vehicles that are expressly 16 exempted under this code from the payment 17 registration fees.

(2) In addition to the additional fees imposed for 19 freeway emergencies, and upon the implementation of 20 the permanent trailer identification plate program, and 21 as part of the Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 22 2000, all commercial motor vehicles registered to an 23 owner with an address in the county that established a 24 service authority under this section, shall pay 25 additional service fee of two dollars (\$2).

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- administrative costs, 26 (b) After deducting its 27 department shall distribute the additional fees collected pursuant to subdivision (a) to the authority in the county in which they were collected.
- SEC. 40. Section 9250.13 of the Vehicle Code is 31 *amended to read:*
- 32 9250.13. (a) (1) In addition to anv other 33 specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation 34 Code, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of 35 registration or renewal of registration of every vehicle, 36 except commercial trailers and semitrailers described in 37 subdivision (d) of Section 5014.1, subject to registration 38 under this code, except those vehicles that are expressly 39 exempted under this code from the payment 40 registration fees.

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(2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) fee, upon the implementation of the permanent trailer identification plate program, and as part of the Commercial Vehicle 4 Registration Act of 2000, all commercial motor vehicles shall pay an additional fee of two dollars (\$2).

(b) The money realized pursuant to this section shall 6 be available, upon appropriation by the Legislature, for expenditure to offset the costs of increasing uniformed field strength of the Department of 10 California Highway Patrol beyond its 1994 staffing level and those costs associated with maintaining this new level of uniformed field strength and carrying out those duties 12 specified in subdivision (a) of Section 830.2 of the Penal 13 14 Code.

SEC. 41. Section 9250.14 of the Vehicle Code is 16 *amended to read:* 

9250.14. (a) (1) In addition to any other 18 specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, upon the adoption of a resolution by any county 20 board of supervisors, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid 21 at the time of registration or renewal of registration of 22 every vehicle, except commercial trailers 23 semitrailers described in subdivision (d) of Section 24 5014.1, registered to an address within that county except 25 those expressly exempted from payment of registration 26 fees. The fees, after deduction of the administrative costs 27 incurred by the department in carrying out this section, 28 shall be paid quarterly to the Controller.

(2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and 30 upon implementation of the permanent trailer 31 identification plate program, and as part of the 32 Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000, commercial motor vehicles registered to an owner with 34 an address in the county that established a service 35 authority under this section, shall pay an additional 36 service fee of two dollars (\$2).

(b) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the 38 Government Code, the money paid to the Controller is continuously appropriated, without regard to fiscal years, for the administrative costs of the Controller, and for **— 33 —** SB 2084

disbursement by the Controller to each county that has adopted a resolution pursuant to subdivision (a), based upon the number of vehicles registered, or whose registration is renewed, to an address within that county.

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- (c) Except as otherwise provided in this subdivision, 6 money allocated to a county pursuant to subdivision (b) shall be expended exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local police and prosecutors to deter, investigate, and prosecute vehicle theft crimes. In 10 any county with a population of 200,000 or less, the money shall be expended exclusively for those vehicle theft 12 crime programs and for the prosecution of crimes 13 involving driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs 14 in violation of Section 23152 or 23153, or vehicular manslaughter in violation of Section 191.5 or subdivision 16 (c) of Section 192 of the Penal Code, or any combination of those crimes.
- (d) No money collected pursuant to this section shall 19 be expended to offset a reduction in any other source of funds, nor for any purpose not authorized under this section.
- (e) Any funds received by a county prior to January 1, 23 2000, pursuant to this section that are not expended to deter, investigate, or prosecute crimes pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be returned to the Controller, for deposit in the Motor Vehicle Account in the State Transportation Fund. Those funds received by a county after January 1, 2000, shall be expended in accordance with this section.
- 30 (f) Each county that has adopted or adopts a resolution pursuant to subdivision (a) shall submit, on or before the 13th day following the end of each quarter, a quarterly expenditure and report to the activity designated 34 statewide Vehicle Theft Investigation and Apprehension 35 Coordinator in the Department of the California 36 Highway Patrol. The coordinator shall compile all county reports and prepare an annual report for dissemination to 37 38 the Legislature and participating counties.
- (g) This section shall remain in effect only until 39 January 1, 2005, and as of that date is repealed, unless a

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later enacted statute, that is enacted on or before January 1, 2005, deletes or extends that date.

3 SEC. 42. Section 9250.19 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

5 9250.19. (a) (1) In addition to any other 6 specified in this code and the Revenue and Taxation Code, upon the adoption of a resolution pursuant to this subdivision by any county board of supervisors, a fee of one dollar (\$1) shall be paid at the time of registration, 10 renewal, or supplemental application for apportioned 11 registration pursuant to Article 4 (commencing with 12 Section 8050) of Chapter 4 of every vehicle, except 13 commercial trailers and semitrailers described 14 subdivision (d) of Section 5014.1, registered to an address within that county except those expressly exempted from 16 payment of registration fees. The fees, after deduction of 17 the administrative costs incurred by the department in 18 carrying out this section, shall be paid quarterly to the 19 Controller.

- (2) In addition to the one dollar (\$1) service fee, and 21 upon the implementation of the permanent trailer 22 identification plate program, and as part of the 23 Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000, all 24 commercial motor vehicles registered to an owner with 25 an address in the county that established a service 26 authority under this section, shall pay an additional 27 service fee of two dollars (\$2).
- (3) A resolution adopted pursuant to paragraph (1) 29 shall include findings as to the purpose of, and the need 30 for, imposing the additional registration fee, and shall identify the date after which the fee shall no longer be 32 imposed.
- 33 (b) Notwithstanding Section 13340 of the 34 Government Code, the money paid to the Controller 35 pursuant to subdivision (a) is continuously appropriated, 36 without regard to fiscal years, for disbursement by the 37 Controller to each county that has adopted a resolution 38 pursuant to subdivision (a), based upon the number of 39 vehicles registered, or whose registration is renewed, to 40 address within that county, or supplemental

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application for apportioned registration, and, appropriation by the Legislature, for the administrative costs of the Controller incurred under this section.

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- (c) Money allocated to a county pursuant subdivision (b) shall be expended exclusively to fund programs that enhance the capacity of local law automated mobile and fixed enforcement to provide location fingerprint identification of individuals who may be involved in driving under the influence of alcohol or 10 drugs in violation of Section 23152 or 23153, or vehicular manslaughter in violation of Section 191.5 of the Penal 12 Code or subdivision (c) of Section 192 of the Penal Code, or any combination of those and other vehicle-related 14 crimes, and other crimes committed while operating a motor vehicle.
- (d) The data from any program funded pursuant to subdivision (c) shall be made available by the local law 18 enforcement agency to any local public agency that is required by law to obtain a criminal history background of persons as a condition of employment with that local public agency. A local law enforcement agency that provides the data may charge a fee to cover its actual costs in providing that data.
- (e) (1) No money collected pursuant to this section 25 shall be used to offset a reduction in any other source of funds for the purposes authorized under this section.
- (2) Funds collected pursuant to this section, upon 28 recommendation of local or regional Remote Access Network Boards to the Board of Supervisors, shall be used 30 exclusively for the purchase, by competitive bidding procedures, and the operation of equipment which is compatible with the Department of Justice's Cal-ID master plan, as described in Section 11112.2 of the Penal 34 Code, and the equipment shall interface in a manner that 35 is in compliance with the requirement described in the 36 Criminal Justice Information Services. Electronic 37 Fingerprint Transmission Specification, prepared by the 38 Federal Bureau of Investigation and dated August 24, 1995.

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(f) The fee imposed under this section shall remain in effect only for a period of five years from the date that the actual collection of the fee commences, unless a later enacted statute deletes or extends that period.

- 5 SEC. 43. Section 9250.20 is added to the Vehicle Code, 6 to read:
- 9250.20. (a) Fees collected by the department under the Commercial Vehicle Act of 2000, shall be distributed to the same funds and accounts, for the same purposes, and in a similar ratio as those fees were previously distributed prior to the enactment of this section.
- 12 (b) Subdivision (a) does not apply to Sections 9250.7. 9250.8, 9250.10, 9250.13, 9250.14, and 9250.15. 13
- 14 SEC. 44. Section 9260 of the Vehicle Code is amended 15 to read:
- 9260. (a) The fee for a temporary registration issued under Section 4004 is one-quarter of the annual fees in 18 Division 3 (commencing with Section 4000) of this code and Part 5 (commencing with Section 10701) of Division 20 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code, for the period that the vehicle is to be operated in this state.
- (b) The fee for a trip permit issued under Section 4004 23 is five dollars (\$5) for each trailer and forty-five dollars (\$45) for each commercial motor vehicle.
- 25 SEC. 45. Section 9261 of the Vehicle Code is amended 26 to read:
- 9261. (a) A service fee of seven dollars (\$7) shall be paid for an identification plate issued pursuant to Section 5014. Publicly owned special construction equipment, 30 cemetery equipment, special mobile equipment, dollies, logging vehicles, and implements of husbandry are exempt from the service charge.
- 33 (b) A service fee of seven dollars (\$7) shall be paid for an identification plate issued pursuant to Section 5016.5.
- 35 (c) Upon application for the transfer of interest of an 36 owner in a piece of equipment, vehicle, or implement of husbandry identified pursuant to Section transferee shall pay a fee of seven dollars (\$7).

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(d) A fee of three dollars (\$3) shall be paid upon the renewal of an identification plate issued pursuant to Section 5014 or 5016.5.

SEC. 46. Section 9400 of the Vehicle Code is amended to read:

9400. In Except as provided in Section 9400.1, and in addition to any other registration fee, there shall be paid the fees set forth in this section for the registration of any commercial vehicles vehicle singly, or in combination, 10 that operates with a declared gross weight of 10,000 pounds or less. Weight fees for pickup trucks are 12 calculated under this section. Whenever a camper is temporarily attached to a motor vehicle designed to 14 transport property, the motor vehicle shall be subject to 15 the fees imposed by this section. The camper shall be 16 deemed to be a load, and fees imposed by this section upon the motor vehicle shall be based upon the unladen weight of the motor vehicle, exclusive of the camper.

(a) For electric vehicle designed, any maintained as described in this section, fees shall be paid for registration according to the following schedule:

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Unladen Weight	Fee
Less than 6,000 lbs	\$ 87
6,000 lbs. or more but less than 10,000 lbs	266
10,000 lbs. or more	358

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(b) For any motor vehicle having not more than two axles and designed, used, or maintained as described in this section, other than an electric vehicle, fees shall be paid for registration according to the following schedule:

33	Unladen Weight		Fee
34	Less than 3,000 lbs		\$ 8
35	3,000 lbs. to and including	4,000 lbs	24
36	4,001 lbs. to and including	5,000 lbs	80
37	5,001 lbs. to and including	6,000 lbs	154
38	6,001 lbs. to and including	7,000 lbs	204
39	7,001 lbs. to and including	8,000 lbs	257
40	8,001 lbs. to and including	9,000 lbs	308

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1	9,001 lbs. to and including 10,000 lbs	360
2	10,001 lbs. to and including 11,000 lbs	409
3	11,001 lbs. to and including 12,000 lbs	462
4	12,001 lbs. to and including 13,000 lbs	513
5	13,001 lbs. to and including 14,000 lbs	563
6	14,001 lbs. and over	616

(c) For any motor vehicle having three or more axles, 9 or for any trailer, semitrailer, pole or pipe dolly, logging 10 dolly, or other dolly designed, used, or maintained as 11 described in this section, other than an electric vehicle, 12 fees shall be paid for registration according to the following schedule:

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16	2,000 lbs. to and including 3,000 lbs	\$ 43
17	3,001 lbs. to and including 4,000 lbs	77
18	4,001 lbs. to and including 5,000 lbs	154
19	5,001 lbs. to and including 6,000 lbs	231
20	6,001 lbs. to and including 7,000 lbs	308
21	7,001 lbs. to and including 8,000 lbs	385
22	8,001 lbs. to and including 9,000 lbs	462
23	9,001 lbs. to and including 10,000 lbs	539
24	10,001 lbs. to and including 11,000 lbs	616
25	11,001 lbs. to and including 12,000 lbs	693
26	12,001 lbs. to and including 13,000 lbs	770
27	13,001 lbs. to and including 14,000 lbs	847
28	14,001 lbs. to and including 15,000 lbs	924
29	15,001 lbs. and over	1,016

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(d) This section shall is not be applicable to any vehicle 32 which that is operated or moved over the highway 33 exclusively for the purpose of historical exhibition or other similar noncommercial purpose.

(e) The fee changes effected by this section apply to 35 36 (1) initial or original registration on or after January 1, 1995, and prior to December 31, 2000, of any commercial 38 vehicle never before registered in this state and (2) to 39 renewal of registration of any commercial vehicle whose **— 39 —** SB 2084

registration expires on or after January 1, 1995 and prior to January 1, 2000.

- (f) This section shall become operative on July 1, 1994. Any registration of a commercial vehicle subject to this *section for which the following apply:*
- (1) The initial or original registration fee is due on or after December 31, 2000, or any vehicle not previously registered in this state.
- (2) The renewal of registration of any vehicle for 10 which the registration period expires on or after December 31, 2000, shall be assessed fees based on this section.
- SEC. 47. Section 9400.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, 13 14 to read:

9400.1. In addition to any other registration fee, there 16 shall be paid the fees set forth in this section for the registration of commercial motor vehicles 18 either singly or in combination with a declared gross 19 vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more.

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21	Gross Vehicle Weight Range	Fee
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23	10,001–14,999	\$ 250
24	15,000–19,999	450
25	20,000–26,000	600
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27	30,000–34,999	900
28	35,000–39,999	1,000
29	40,000–44,999	1,100
30	45,000–49,999	1,250
31	50,000–54,999	1,350
32	55,000–59,999	1,400
33	60,000–64,999	1,500
34	65,000–69,999	1,600
35	70,000–74,999	1,650
36	75,000–80,000	1,700
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The fee changes effected by this section apply to (1) 38 39 initial or original registration on and after December 31, 40 2000, of any commercial motor vehicle operated either SB 2084 **— 40 —** 

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1 singly or in combination with a declared gross vehicle 2 weight of 10,001 pounds or more and (2) to renewal of 3 registration of any commercial motor vehicle operated 4 either singly or in combination, with a declared gross 5 vehicle weight of 10,001 pounds or more for which 6 registration expires on or after December 31, 2000.

SEC. 48. Section 9406 of the Vehicle Code is amended 8 to read:

9 9406. Alterations or additions to registered vehicles 10 for which fees have been paid under Section 9400 or 9400.1 placing the vehicles in weight fee classifications under Section 9400 or 9400.1 greater than the weight fees 12 previously paid shall be reported to the department and 14 at the same time the difference between the weight fee 15 previously paid, reduced as provided in Section 9407, and 16 the greater weight fee, reduced as provided in Section 17 9407, shall be paid to the department upon the operation 18 of the vehicles in the greater weight fee classification under Section 9400 or 9400.1.

20 SEC. 49. Section 9406.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, 21 to read:

9406.1. Prior to operation of a vehicle at a certified 23 declared gross vehicle weight greater than reported to, and registered by, the department, the owner shall make application to the department and pay all appropriate fees.

27 SEC. 50. Section 9554.2 is added to the Vehicle Code, 28 to read:

9554.2. Upon the operation of a commercial motor 30 vehicle at a greater gross vehicle weight than that that 31 had been reported to and registered by the department, 32 a new registration application shall be made to the department. The greater declared gross vehicle weight 34 fee and applicable penalties as defined in Sections 9406 and 9559 shall be paid to the department.

SEC. 51. Section 27910 is added to the Vehicle Code, 36 37 to read:

27910. The Department of the California Highway 38 39 Patrol shall initiate a 12-month study to determine an 40 effective means to enforce the provisions

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Commercial Vehicle Registration Act of 2000. The

- Department of the California Highway Patrol,
- consultation with representatives from the Department
- 4 of Transportation, of Equalization, the Board
- 5 Department of Motor Vehicles, and the commercial
- 6 vehicle industry, shall provide, on or before \_
- recommendations to the Legislature for actions to be taken to ensure compliance with that act.
- 9 SEC. 52. Section 36010 of the Vehicle Code is 10 amended to read:
  - 36010. A "farm trailer" is either of the following:

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- (a) A trailer or semitrailer owned and operated by a 13 farmer in the conduct of agricultural operations, and used 14 exclusively to transport agricultural products upon the highway to the point of first handling and return.
- (b) A trailer or semitrailer equipped with rollers on 17 the bed, with a frame not taller than 10 inches high, and 18 with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 10,000 pounds or less, that is owned, rented, or leased by a farmer and operated by that farmer in the conduct of agricultural operations, used exclusively to transport vegetables upon the highway to the point of first handling 23 and return, and that was manufactured and in use prior 24 to January 1, 1997. These vehicles may also be operated on the highways without a load for the purposes of delivering a rented or leased vehicle to the renting or leasing farmer's farm, or returning empty to the owner's premises.
- SEC. 53. Section 36109 of the Vehicle Code is 29 30 amended to read:
- 31 36109. "Farm trailers," as defined in Section 36010, having a gross weight of 6,000 10,000 pounds or less, are 32 exempt from registration except that Section 5014 shall apply to such trailers. 34
- 35 SEC. 54. Section 42030.1 is added to the Vehicle Code, 36 to read:
- 37 42030.1. (a) Every person convicted of a violation of 38 any declared gross vehicle weight limitation provision of this code, shall be punished by a fine that equals the amounts specified in the following table:

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1	Pounds in excess of the declared gross vehicle weight	Fine
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3	1,001–1,500	\$ 250
4	1,501–2,000	300
5	2,001–2,500	350
6	2,501–3,000	400
7	3,001–3,500	450
8	3,501–4,000	500
9	4,001–4,500	550
10	4,501–5,000	600
11	5,001–6,000	700
12	6,001–7,000	800
13	7,001–8,000	900
14	8,001–10,000	1,000
15	10,001 and over	2,000
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- (b) No part of the penalties prescribed by this section shall be suspended for a conviction of any of the following:
- (1) Section 40001 for requiring operation of a vehicle upon a highway in violation of any provision referred to in this section.
- (2) Any provision referred to in this section when a 23 second or subsequent conviction of a violation thereof occurs within three years immediately preceding the 25 violation charged.
- SEC. 55. On or before January 1, 2002, and annually 27 thereafter, Department of Transportation, the 28 consultation with the Department of the California 29 Highway Patrol, the Department of Motor Vehicles, the 30 Board of Equalization, and the commercial vehicle 31 industry, shall review and report to the Legislature its 32 findings and, if applicable, make any recommendation as 33 to the necessary adjustments in the fee schedule, to 34 ensure revenue neutrality is obtained and that 35 maintained for all affected entities and funds.
- SEC. 56. No reimbursement is required by this act 36 37 pursuant to Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California 38 Constitution because the only costs that may be incurred 39 by a local agency or school district will be incurred 40 because this act creates a new crime or infraction,

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1 eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of the Government Code, or changes the definition 4 of a crime within the meaning of Section 6 of Article 5 XIII B of the California Constitution.

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- 260. (a) A "commercial vehicle" is a vehicle, including but not limited to, trailers and semitrailers, of a type required to be registered under this code used or 10 maintained for the transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit or designed, used, or maintained primarily for the transportation of property.
- (b) Passenger vehicles that are not used for the 14 transportation of persons for hire, compensation, or profit and housecars are not commercial vehicles. This subdivision shall not apply to Chapter 4 (commencing with Section 6700) of Division 3.
  - (c) Any vanpool vehicle is not a commercial vehicle.
  - (d) The definition of a commercial vehicle in this section does not apply to Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 15200) of Division 6.
  - SEC. 2. Section 288 is added to the Vehicle Code, to read:
  - 288. "Declared combined gross vehicle weight" means weight that equals the total unladen weight of the combination of vehicles plus the heaviest load that may be transported by that combination of vehicles.
  - SEC. 3. Section 289 is added to the Vehicle Code, to
  - 289. "Declared gross vehicle weight" means weight that equals the total unladen weight of the vehicle plus the heaviest load that may be transported on the vehicle.
  - SEC. 4. Section 390 of the Vehicle Code is amended and renumbered to read:
- 35 350. (a) "Gross vehicle weight rating" (GVWR) 36 means the weight specified by the manufacturer as the 37 loaded weight of the single vehicle.
- 38 (b) Gross combination weight rating (GCWR) means the weight specified by the manufacturer as the loaded weight of a combination or articulated vehicle. In the

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- 1 absence of a weight specified by the manufacturer,
- 2 GCWR shall be determined by adding the GVWR of the
- 3 power unit and the total unladen weight of the towed
- 4 units and any load on those units.